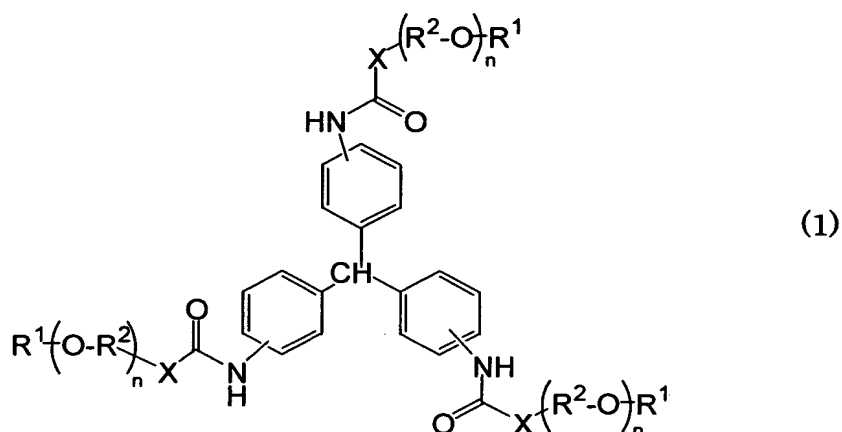


# CLAIMS

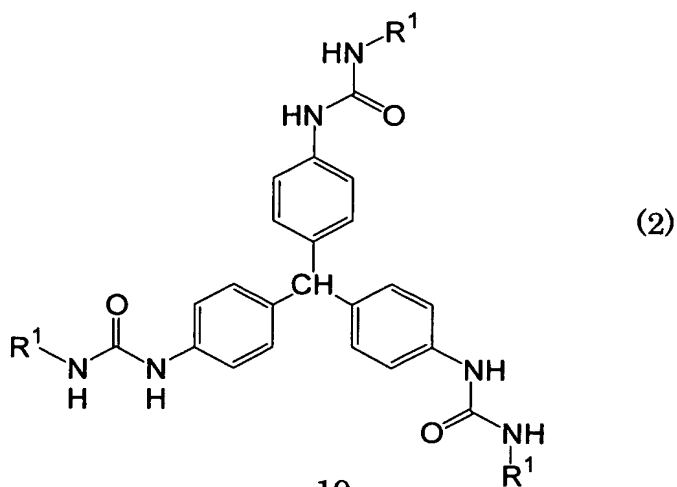
1. A triphenylmethane derivative represented by the general formula (1):



wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;  $\text{R}^2$  is a linear or branched alkylene group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms;  $\text{X}$  is  $\text{NH}$ ,  $\text{NR}^1$ ,  $\text{O}$  or a single bond;  $n$  is an integer of 0 to 10; and a plurality of the  $\text{R}^1$  groups, the  $\text{R}^2$  groups, the  $\text{X}$  groups and the integers  $n$  may be respectively identical to or different from each other.

2. The triphenylmethane derivative according to claim 1, wherein the integer  $n$  in the general formula (1) is 0 or 1.

3. The triphenylmethane derivative according to claim 2 which is represented by the general formula (2):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> has the same meaning as defined in the general formula (1).

4. The triphenylmethane derivative according to claim 3, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms.

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5. The triphenylmethane derivative according to claim 3, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a linear or branched alkyl group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms.

6. The triphenylmethane derivative according to claim 3, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a linear or branched alkyl group having 11 to 20 carbon atoms.

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7. An organic gelling agent comprising the triphenylmethane derivative as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6.

8. An organic gel comprising the organic gelling agent as defined in claim 7, and an organic solvent.

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9. An organic fiber comprising the organic gel as defined in claim 8, and having a diameter of 500 nm or less.

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